Boundary dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

1435. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that boundary dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa relating to 63 villages is still persisting;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to resolve the dispute between the two States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have reported that their boundary dispute with Andhra Pradesh relating to 59 villages in Ganjam, Gajapathi, Rayagada and Koraput District of Orissa, is still persisting. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, without specifying the number of villages, have reported that there are boundary disputes with Orissa relating to villages in Srikakulam, Vizhianagarm and Visakha-patnam districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Neither of the State Governments has approached the Central Government to resolve their boundary dispute. Both State Governments have decided to jointly verify the entire inter-State boundary except the boundary adjoining 21 Kotiya group of villages in Koraput district of Orissa and that though some progress has been made in the joint verification that commenced in 1981 -82, further progress could not be made due to non-availability of authenticated data. Two original suits filed by the State Government of Orissa regarding the Kotiya group of villages are pending before the Supreme Court of India.

Failure in furnishing complete replies

1436. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi has all along failed to follow the Cabinet Secretary's instructions to furnish complete and satisfactory replies to the MP's references and that too expeditiously;

(b) whether in response to a large number of MP's references received in September, 2002, no satisfactory reply has been furnished except for an acknowledgment; and

(c) whether Government propose to take action against the said officer as per Government of India instruction No. (17-A) reproduced below Rule 3-C of the CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 for his failure to furnish timely replies to such MP's references?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arrest in connection with adulterated water

1437. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of companies involved in bottling pesticides containing adulterated water have been unearthed recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the DeThi Police had made any arrests in this connection;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Delhi Police propose to take against the owners of the companies who are manufacturing and marketing pesticides containing bottled water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir. The standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water were incorporated in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 in the year 2000. According to these standards, pesticide residues should be "below detectable limits" when tested in accordance with the specific methods as prescribed by BIS in their inspection and testing scheme. The samples of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water analyzed as per BIS standards were found to comply with the requirements.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.